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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LOCKDOWN EXTENDED UPTO 31-10-2021
CERTAIN RELAXATION UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2005.

[G.O. Ms. No. 631, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.IV), 5th October 2021,
புரட்டாசி 19, பிலவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2052.]

No. II(2)/REVDM/671(g)/2021.

WHEREAS on considering the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic scenario and as per the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown/restrictions was enforced throughout the State with effect from 4.00 A.M. of 10.05.2021 to 31.10.2021, in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has conducted review meeting with officers to evaluate the Corona prevention activities, Spread of corona virus in neighbouring states and measures to be taken to control the spread of Corona infection due to possible large gathering of public during the upcoming festival season.

3. Now, based on the above review meeting, the Government hereby order, under Disaster Management Act, 2005 to **continue the existing restrictions upto 31.10.2021** as in the Government Order G.O.(Ms.) No. 552, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, 11th September 2021 with the following relaxations:-

Relaxations:

- To facilitate public to redress their grievances locally, conduct of Public Grievance Day meetings by the Collectors are permitted in all the District collectorates on **all Mondays** by following Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

- Conduct of Monthly Farmers' Grievance Day meeting is permitted in all the District collectorates by following Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- Based on the suggestions made by the medical experts, Educationist and parents, classes for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th standards in Schools and Colleges are already permitted to function. Similarly, taking into account the views expressed by the Medical Experts, Educationist and Parents and considering the psychological well-being of the students and to avoid huge learning gap in the society and in the interest of students' education, **the direct classes for 1st to 8th standards shall be permitted in all the schools with effect from 01.11.2021** by duly following the appropriate standard operating procedures. The School Education Department shall take necessary preparatory action and prescribe appropriate standard operating procedures for conducting classes regularly.
- **All allowed activities in existence shall continue to be permitted with existing restrictions.**
- Public worship in the religious places on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will not be permitted.
- Public gatherings in religious festivals/consecrations, political, socio-cultural and religion related congregation, which were already prohibited, will continue to be prohibited.

General

i) Public are requested to take vaccine in the special vaccination camp conducted by the District Collectors/ the Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation and Local Bodies.

ii) The following important Standard Operating Procedures shall be strictly adhered to all the shops and places of Public gathering:-

- Shops shall have mandatory hand hygiene (hand sanitizer with dispenser) at the entrance.
- Management shall ensure that the workers and customers wear face masks compulsorily.
- All shops and establishments shall ensure that the doors and windows are kept open for cross ventilation. In order to ensure social distancing norms, more number of persons shall not be allowed at a time inside the shops.
- Specific markings with sufficient distance may be made at the entrance of the shops to manage the general public standing in the queue.
- Action will be taken against the commercial/other organizations which violate the above guidelines and prescribed limit of customers.

iii) 'Test- Track- Treat- Vaccination- Covid-19 appropriate behaviour' principle shall be strictly adhered to.

iv) In order to contain the spread of Covid-19, the Containment Zones shall be demarcated upto Micro Level and the containment measures including vaccination to the people in this area shall be initiated by the District Collectors and the Local Bodies as per the Standard Operating Procedures.

v) Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures shall be scrupulously followed, as under:

- Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones. No activity, except medical emergencies and supply of essential goods and services shall be permitted.
- There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.

4. The public are requested to be careful and avoid moving to crowded places during the upcoming festival season as the spread of third wave of corona could be avoided only by following such preventive measures. All commercial establishment are also requested to follow the preventive measure without any lapses.

5. The public are also requested to seek medical advice of the nearest hospital as soon as symptoms of infection appear.

6. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors and Commissioners of Police/ Superintendents of Police concerned shall take all necessary measures for the strict enforcement of National Directives for Covid-19 management viz., **wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing, screening & hygiene, frequent sanitization of entire workplace etc.**, and adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for the permitted activities. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation / District Collectors concerned may initiate penal action by imposing fines on persons violating the National Directives.

7. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

V. IRAI ANBU,
Chief Secretary.